

**Minute of the Lochee Community Planning Partnership meeting held on**

**21 May 2024 at 6pm in Charleston Community Centre**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Charlie Malone	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Cllr Roisin Smith	DCC
	Cllr Slobhan Tolland	DCC
	Michael McLaughlin	Chair- DCC
	Bill Batchelor	Community Rep- Western Gateway Community
	Pamela Nesbitt	Children and Families- DCC
	Robert Law	Community Rep- Lochee Residents and Tenants Assoc
	Debbie Mackie	Housing Service- DCC
	Sarah Anderson	Planet Youth- Children & Families Service- DCC
	Peter Hine	Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action (DVVA)
	Angela Foote	Community Rep- Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Jill Richmond	Anti-social Behaviour Team- DCC
	Emma Gordon	DVVA
	Neil Brady	Environment service- DCC
	Kirsten Brownlie	Community Learning and Development team- DCC
	Mike Welsh	Communities officer – DCC
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Wendy Scullin, Stewart Steen, Patricia Phinn, Una Milne and Stuart Paton.	

	<u>Action</u>
<p><b><u>1. Minute of the last meeting- 27 February 2024</u></b></p> <p>Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were complete. The minute of the last meeting was agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p><b><u>2. Matters arising</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>2.1 Lochee.org</u></b> – Mike reported that the technical part of the website had provided him with lots of challenges. This had required an unsustainable level of investment in a web design company that had sorted the problems which were anticipated to continue. No offers of support had come to manage the website from stakeholders, although Robert suggested that James from his resident’s group would be able to help. Mike agreed to contact James and see what scope he has for support.</p>	Mike
<p><b><u>2.2 Community Wishes-</u></b> Rachael Thomas had indicated that the website on which people would be asked to log community “wishes” was almost ready for a soft launch. A briefing on this would be provided in the coming months.</p>	Rachael
<p><b><u>2.3 Lochee High St Planters-</u></b> Neil reported that plans are in place for a renewal of the planters in the coming weeks as part of infrastructure improvements arranged for Lochee High Street by Stephen Page from Planning.</p>	
<p><b><u>3. Theme for Meeting- Older People in the Lochee ward</u></b></p>	
<p>Mike reported that the LCPP had agreed to undertake an investigation into the needs of older residents at their November2023 meeting. A survey had been undertaken and 93 people participated, from which data had been extrapolated. Mike had circulated the detailed breakdown of the data for those in attendance, the most obvious analysis of which were requests for more activities in the central Lochee area. A lengthy discussion was held on how the LCPP and partners develop relevant services, particularly around increasing levels of physical activity.</p>	
<p>It was reported that an initial meeting between DVVA and Community Learning and Development team had agreed a plan for two exploratory sessions at the Lochee Community Hub on 21 June (10am-12pm) and 27 June (2-4pm). These sessions will offer a range of activities linked to the feedback and seek to identify what older people would prefer to see evolve over the next few months. It was also pointed out that there will be extensive leafleting of relevant properties in central Lochee to attract older residents as frustration was voiced by respondents in the original survey that older people do not always follow social media.</p>	All members
<p>A discussion was also held on the issues respondents felt were important in the community, with access to public transport being particularly high on the list of priority areas for improvement. It was agreed to examine customer responsive transport solutions, although it was suggested that the Transport Forum in Dundee was doing just that at present. In addition, all LCPP members agreed to analyse the data provided and feedback on alternative suggestions at the next LCPP meeting.</p>	
<p><b><u>4. Local Community Plan (LCP)</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>4.1 –Annual report</u></b> - Michael indicated that the annual report had been distributed for comment. Members noted the contents and it was added by Nicky that the information will be collated for all wards and passed to the Scottish Government as part of legislative reporting requirements. In addition, Nicky added that a mid-term review of the LCP will be undertaken in late autumn this year. The objective will be to</p>	

update the outputs and ensure there is a refresh for the remaining period of the plan ie up to 2027. It was agreed that this would be an ideal opportunity for the LCPP working groups to generate new action and activity for inclusion in the review.

**4.2- Walkabouts-** Mike reported that the Charleston walkabout was held on 9 May and he circulated a report on the findings. One of the main outcomes identified was to provide the Charleston Residents group with a map of the area on which they can record areas of flooding, poor road surfaces and where there is a need for dropped kerbs. In addition, parking improvements had been identified, a report for which was held under the Housing update (see below).

It was also pointed out that the Beechwood walkabout is being held on 22 May and the resident’s group has identified a number of pertinent points to investigate. It was added that the Menzieshill (west) walkabout will be held on 3 June meeting at 10am meeting at the Menzieshill Community Hub.

**4.3- Future Themes for LCPP meetings-** a lengthy discussion was held on the themes felt necessary for discussion from gaps in the local community plan. It was agreed that an update on Family support/ What Matters to You (WM2U) will be held at the November meeting and the next meeting will look at young people’s needs and the range of youth work provision/ practice on offer. It was agreed that the CLD youth team and Planet Youth will be asked to provide an input. One idea was to invite some of the young people involved in youth voice work through the leadership academy or planet youth.

**5. Working group updates**

**5.1 – LCPP substance misuse group** – Mike indicated that the group had identified its priority themes for utilising the available funds of £12,000. He added that the main priorities were family preventative work, mental well-being support, community engagement and preventative work with young people. Sarah enquired into the application process, but it was stressed that the commissioning working group identify the organisations with sufficient capacity to deliver a project or service to achieve the relevant outcome within the set priorities. All present approved the themes chosen and it was agreed to provide a report on funded projects at the next meeting in August.

**5.2 – Families working group** – Mike provided an update on the establishment of the Make it Happen Fund by WM2U in Lochee. A report had been circulated and Mike pointed out that parents participating in funded family work in the area had volunteered to support to manage the implementation of this new fund. It was explained that the fund will support both community projects and individuals interested in undertaking a personal project. It is hoped that by the end of the summer period a trained group of parents would be able to assess bids for the use of the funding which will be administered by the Corra Foundation. The fund could be worth as much as £30,000 to the Lochee ward. An update on its implementation will be provided at the August meeting.

**6. Service Updates**

**6.1 – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service-** Michael indicated that the helpful report had been circulated with the meeting papers. There were no questions and the service was thanked for the information.

Sarah and CLD Youth Team

Mike

Geoff/ Mike

Anne

**6.2- Housing (DCC) report-** Debbie reported on a paper that had been created by her colleague, Anne McDonald based on her discussions with Charleston residents during the recent walkabout. She pointed out that three potential parking projects would be investigated with the garages/ lock ups in the Balgarthno area being the priority. She added that projects to remove unpopular garages were already in place with facilities in Deveron Crescent, Foggylea Place and Forth Place priorities due to a lack of use. Debbie indicated that Anne would provide a report on the viability of these and other identified lock-up areas to the next LCPP meeting in August.

**6.4- Environment section update-** Neil reported on operations at present. Staffing resources continue to be challenging, but he pointed out that he intends to provide a Charleston based street operative in the near future. This person's role will be to concentrate on the streetscape in the area which should allow an improvement in the area's environment.

**6.5- Planet Youth- Sarah Anderson-** Sarah reported on the roll-out of the Planet Youth approach to working with young people using a substance use prevention model. She indicated that the recent dissemination event outlined the work that will roll out from the analysis of data provided by S3/4 young people, a report of which had been shared with members. She identified the next stages of operation in the community and through work in Harris Academy and St Johns High School.

**6.6- Lochee Regeneration Forum-** Angela reported on the forum's work to allocate funding available to the area. She reported that the forum is using data to work out how best to invest in diversionary youth work in Lochee. The forum was interested in supporting work with children and young people in the year ahead. She also added that the recent AGM recruited new members.

**6.7- Western Gateway Community-** Bill reported on the communities' campaign to establish a school in the community, as well as improvements to the infrastructure that had been outlined in the area's development framework. He added that it is hoped to see the Swallow roundabout improvements start soon. In addition, the group is working to instal some new paths in the community and two defibrillators in community locations ie Spar and local nursery.

**6.8 - Voluntary Sector Report** – Peter reported that Lochee Community Hub staff have been looking to develop the offer from outside agencies following consultation held earlier in the year. He reported on new activities such as a stay and play provided by Aberlour, a new family group and a potential older people's group as reported on earlier in the meeting.

Emma added that volunteers week this year will be held from 3-9 June. She asked that any partner interested should get in touch if they need resources. She also encouraged members to participate in a consultation on charges for PVG charges which is active at present. Disclosure Scotland is asking for views on proposed changes to the Disclosure and PVG schemes and the consultation is open to 28th May.

**7. Date of next meeting-** Tuesday 27 August at 6pm in the community room at the West Housing office, Sinclair Street.